PRINT SUBSYSTEM
DESPOOLING BACKPLANE

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

5   Provided are a print subsystem despooling backplane and a

method for managing print jobs using a print subsystem despooling

backplane. The method comprises: accepting a print job at a print

subsystem despooling backplane input interface; calling a despooling

backplane plugin; converting the print job into an internal representation

10   (IR) document that is typically independent of a printer device target and

the language format associated with a printer device target; processing

the IR document in response to a plugin; converting the processed IR

document into a processed print job; and, supplying the processed print

job at a despooling backplane output interface. The called plugins can be

15   user-selected plugins, predetermined plugins that are responsive to

criterion such as printer driver, printer model, printer configuration,

printer condition, user, administrative grouping, or document type, and

plugins called from other (previously called or currently running) plugins.

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